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FOIA Case 09162019S208

September 27, 2019

Austin R. Evers  
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Dear Mr. Evers and Ms. Monahan:

This letter is the final response to your September 16, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for all communications between the National Rifle Association and SAMHSA officials, specifically Elinor McCance-Katz, Daryl Kade, Anita Everett, Jean Bennett, Michael King, Jeffrey Coade, Karen Hearod, and Emily Williams, along with other staff members.

SAMHSA has no record of any such communications. Therefore, we are closing our file on this. There will be no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25.

You may appeal this finding. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to:

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
Agency Chief FOIA Officer  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
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Washington, DC 20201  
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Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the SAMHSA FOIA Officer OR the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Room 729H  
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Respectfully,

Siobhan Dugan  
FOIA Officer